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FM AMEMBASSY VALLETTA

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INFO AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VALLETTA 0815

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS

SUBJ: LOS: SITE OF SEABED AUTHORITY

REF: (A) VALLETTA 0613; (B) STATE 113529

1. REF A REPORTED MALTA'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO WIN SUPPORT FOR ITS CANDIDACY AS THE SITE OF THE SEABED AUTHORITY. IN A JULY 13 DISCUSSION, FOREIGN SECRETARY ABELA RAISED THIS SUBJECT AND TOLD ME THAT THE MALTESE NOW BELIEVE THAT THEY "HAVE BROKEN THE CONSENSUS" OF THE GROUP OF 77 ON SUPPORTING JAMAICA'S BID FOR THE SITE. ABELA, WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT WE HAD BEEN LEANING TOWARD JAMAICA, THEREFORE HOPED THAT THE USG MIGHT CHANGE ITS VIEW AND SUPPORT MALTA INSTEAD.

2. ABELA SAID HE HAD RECEIVED INDICATIONS FROM NEW YORK  
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THAT THE US ATTITUDE "HAD CHANGED." HE VERY MUCH HOPED THAT THIS WAS THE CASE AND ADDED THAT THEY HAD ALREADY RECEIVED PLEDGES OF SUPPORT FROM SEVERAL ARAB STATES. ABELA THOUGH THE DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION IN

JAMAICA WOULD CAUSE MANY OTHER NATIONS TO RETHINK THIS QUESTION AND CAUSE THE TO THROW THEIR SUPPORT TO MALTA.

2. I SAID THAT I WAS NOT AWARE THAT WE HAD YET TAKEN ANY FORMAL, PUBLIC POSITION ON THE SITE OF THE AUTHORITY BUT WOULD REPORT ABELA'S REQUEST TO THE DEPARTMENT.

PLEASE ADVISE ON HOW TO RESPOND TO ABELA. SMITH

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